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MDW - YOUNG MARINES

The Metropolitan District of Washington Young Marines are the beneficiaries of the Washington Marine Barracks, who provide facilities, equipment, and, most importantly, leadership. The program includes weekly training currently scheduled on Thursdays for two hours beginning at 17:30, Saturday morning Study Hall from 10:00 - 14:00 and weekend events that vary from hiking and camping trips to drill competitions and parades.

The program is available to area boys and girls aged 8-18 who maintain a "C" average in school and are physically able to participate in the drills. The program begins with a 12-13 week Bootcamp during which the recruits learn the "Young Marine Obligation" (a pledge of respect and honor), Pledge of Allegiance, the Marine Corps Hymn and various military terms and drills which instill the concepts of authority, obedience and respect, as well as team work and self-esteem.

During Bootcamp, the recruits learn about Marine Corps history, how to care for their uniform and boots, physical fitness and standards of hygiene. At the end of the Bootcamp program the recruits are promoted to PFC (Private First Class) during an awards ceremony in which the "Honor Recruit Award" is presented. After Bootcamp the recruits join approximately 100 children in the ongoing Young Marine program.

Another important aspect of the program is the focus on education; the instructors who lead each platoon spend time in each child's school, talking with teachers and counselors in order to support and supplement the activities of the school. During Bootcamp, a minimum of 23 hours in Saturday morning Study Hall is required. This is a time for homework and tutoring to ensure that the minimum "C" grade average is maintained.

Bootcamp is conducted twice a year and



there are 35-40 recruits in each. Cost for each recruit is \$20 to register and \$110 for camouflage uniform and boots. The program is funded by the Marine League, private donations and fund-raising events. The parents of the children involved in the program are required to participate in the Parents Association which sponsors fund-raising activities.

The Commanding Officer of the Young Marines is Capt. Michael Thomas who is supported by Gunnery Sergeant Payson. In visiting the program at the Barracks it is easy to see that these two men and the other Marines and program graduates who are the instructors and leaders of the program command the respect of

the recruits and Young Marines. It is inspiring to see DC area children standing tall, exhibiting discipline and self-control, full of self-esteem and respect for others.

Part of the Young Marine philosophy is that young men and women are active participants in determining their goals and thus [the leadership] respects their dignity, worth, and right to make informal decisions upon completion of Bootcamp". As a further commitment to the political and social environment of the children, the staff of the Young Marines are committed to working "collaboratively with the community".

Summer Jobs on Agenda

SW Neighborhood Assembly Meets

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will meet at the SW Branch Library on May 24th, 6:30 pm. to hear reports from various Task Force Chairpersons.

The public is asked to engage in a discussion on suggestions, complaints, advice, and on how we can make our community a better place in which to live.

Information will be provided on the Mayor's Youth Initiatives program for 1993 Summer Jobs and Youth Assistance funding as it applies to the residents of the Southwest. Councilman Jack Evans provided the information.

SW'r Has New Features

Councilman Jack Evans has in this issue the first of a promised regular column to tell Southwest residents DC actions affecting Ward 2.

C.W. Hargraves will prepare a calendar of events in our area, the first appearing in this issue. If you clip and keep these items you'll not miss important community events.

The Southwest Community Regrets the Loss of Council Chairman John Wilson.

Local March for Local Park

An Earth Day march was held on Sunday, April 18, 1993, in and around Reservation #721. The event participants assembled at Sixth and I Streets, SW from 8 am - 10 am and were welcomed by Verlyn Brown, the March organizer.

Approximately fifteen people and one Mallard duck looked on as a Ceremonial Resolution was read and presented to Ms. Brown by Councilman Jack Evans. In addition, the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police were in attendance.

One submission was made to rename the park, the Verlyn Brown Park.

Not only do we applaud Ms. Brown for sponsoring this Earth Day activity, we want to welcome the Park's new playground equipment.

After two years of phone calls to the Central Office of the National Park Service, the termite infested wooden slide and climbing equipment has been replaced by a new metal set. This is a hangout for the pupils of several daycare centers, and a popular place for neighborhood kids. Mr. Grover and his work crew work to keep the park looking very nice. Let's do our part to keep it clean.



Jack Evans awards Verlyn Brown

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From the Editor:

One of the purposes of *the Southwester* is to let the residents of this area know that "yes, things do happen in SW." Little is ever written in *the Washington Post* about SW. We feel that it is necessary for a community newspaper to fill this void.

We'd like to be able to print even more, but lots of things which happen are never reported to the editor. We can't print what we don't hear about.

When you hear something newsworthy, someone getting an award, an upcoming event, write it down and drop it off at the library. There is a box for *the Southwester* behind the Circulation Desk. If you don't see the box, ask a librarian; they all know about it.

Distribution of the *Southwester* is still being improved, and by the Fall, we hope to have the paper at every residence in SW and nearby SE. Meanwhile, you can always pick one up at the library or at the Safeway.

At this time, we need volunteers. Our wish list includes: 1. a liaison person between the schools and the paper, 2. an assistant to the editor/manager and 3. an assistant to the advertising manager, 4. a distribution liaison person and 5. more reporters.

Space permitting, we try to print everything which we receive by the Deadline (always the second Wednesday in the month). If you think you might be interested in joining our crew of journalists, call the editor, Carole Early at 488-3355. We'd love to have you.

Carole Early,
Editor

LETTERS

To the Editor:

Residents of Southwest and Southeast were jolted with the news that certain of their schools might be closed for financial reasons. The answer, as I see it, is to lease these schools [like Syphax] from the City and to reorganize them as "charter schools".

This has been done successfully in other cities. The charter team is composed of faculty, parents, and others interested in good schooling. The parents receive vouchers which they can use for "their" charter school.

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Edgar T. Mead

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The *Southwester* staff extends sympathy to Jack Evans on the death of his mother on Monday, May 10th.



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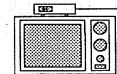
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ADVISORY PANELS CONNECT CITIZENS WITH GOVERNMENT

As a part of her efforts to "connect citizens with their government," Mayor Kelly has announced new Citizen Advisory Panels which will provide a forum for citizens to express their views and ideas regarding government programs, operations, and resources.

Mayor Kelly installed the first Citizens Advisory Panel, dedicated to looking at public safety, crime and criminal justice issues, at a swearing-in ceremony on Friday, April 2, 1993, at 441 - 4th Street, N.W. The members will follow up on issues raised at Mayor Kelly's recent Townhall Meetings on Public Safety.

Other Citizen Advisory Panels will be established to focus on such issues as recreation, public works, economic development, housing/community development, health and human services and human resource development. The members of the panels will reside in all wards of the city and represent the economic, cultural, ethnic, and sexual diversity of Washington, D.C. The panels will monitor, evaluate and propose changes in government operations to ensure that services meet citizens' needs.

Mayor Kelly solicited nominations from City Council Members, Advisory Neighborhood Commission Chairpersons and members of the Resources and Budget Advisory Committee. Other citizens volunteered at the Public Safety Townhall Meetings.

"Advisory panels will make our government more responsive to the needs of the community -- in terms of improved services and programs -- because they will create an enhanced and more consistent rapport between the government and its residents," Mayor Kelly said.

The panels will take a problem-solving approach to issues of concern which impact the citizens and the community. The Mayor will then use their recommendations when developing city policy.

NEEDED: HOUSES TO WEATHERIZE

The D.C. Energy Office is looking for houses to weatherize free, to save heating and air conditioning bills for residents, according to the *Washington Post*.

Sharon Cooke, the office's chief of public affairs, said the city risks losing funds set aside for the program this year by the end of September if it does not find enough people to get the service.

Every year since 1984, the office has provided free services to low-income families living in single-family homes. But this year not enough people have applied.

Cooke said any family eligible for assistance in paying its fuel bill can also receive weatherization services, which include storm doors, windows, furnace repair or replacement, door or wall seal-ups, and wall and attic insulation. The program will provide up to \$3,000 in services per family. Cooke said 14,000 households receive assistance in paying their fuel bill each winter which receipt qualifies them for the weatherization help.

People who qualify for the program are asked to allow the gas or electric company to perform a free energy survey of their houses. Once that is done, a nonprofit community organization is hired to do the work.

Over 3,000 homes have been weatherized since the program began, and the residents have been pleased to see their utility bills drop.

Anyone who thinks he might be eligible for the program can call the D.C. Energy Hotline at 202/724-2100 for more information.

Councilman's Comments

Expansion of Metro Bus Garage:

While the proposed expansion of the S.E. Metrobus Garage at Half and M Streets, S.E., no longer lies in Ward 2, I know this issue is still of great concern to many Southwest residents. I have for many years shared these concerns over the impact an expanded bus garage would have on the quality of life for residents and the prospects for future development.

With this in mind, I have started to raise these concerns in my new capacity as a member of the Board of Directors to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). This proposal will be coming before the WMATA Board for a preliminary vote this summer. At this time, I plan to request that WMATA consider other sites which would be removed from residential areas and less detrimental to the Southwest neighborhood.

The Panhandling Control Act of 1993, Bill 10-72: I expect the Council to favorably vote on the "Panhandling Control Act of 1993," Bill 10-72, at our June 1 legislative meeting. Bill 10-72, introduced by myself, Chairman John Wilson and Councilmember Nathanson, deems as unlawful for any person to ask, beg, or solicit alms (including money and other things of value) in an aggressive manner.

This prohibition applies to any public place, transportation vehicle, bus, or subway station. Aggressive manner is defined to cover any actions which would intimidate, obstruct the passage of, harm, or potentially harm an individual.

Eliminating Admit with Explanation:

In an effort to balance the D.C. budget, the Council is considering the elimination of the "Admit with Explanation" (AWE) provision of parking tickets. This move is projected to save \$3.9 million through staff reductions and increased numbers of tickets which will be paid in full.

However, public comment on this proposal has been uniform: eliminating AWE will deny citizens the right to contest tickets. It does not account for valid mitigating circumstances. For example, many constituents have contacted me in regard to tickets issued to their vehicles before they owned the vehicle. True, the ticket may be legitimate on its face. However, the person now responsible for this ticket has clearly been a victim of circumstances beyond his/her control. Similar situations may occur if parking signs have been removed or obscured or if a meter is malfunctioning. By eliminating the AWE position provision, a person would have no opportunity to explain such circumstances.

With this in mind, I announced at the May 3 legislative session that I will be offering an amendment at the June legislative session which will retain the rights of citizens to challenge their parking tickets under these circumstances.

Underage Drinking Emergency Act: Seeking to reduce the number of underage drinkers in D.C., the Council strengthened the District's underage drinking laws at the May legislative session.

Previously, D.C. was one of only two jurisdictions in the country where minors could possess alcohol without breaking the law. Complicating this was the fact that many forms of photo IDs could be accepted as proof of age-leaving room for the use of counterfeit IDs.

Now, under the provision of the Council's emergency act, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to purchase or possess alcohol or to be found with any trace of alcohol in their blood. In addition, liquor retailers will be allowed to accept only gov-

ernment issued photo IDs. And, a first offense under any part of the law could result in the loss of a driver's license for 90 days.

The Council will hold a public hearing on the permanent version of this bill on May 27, 1993 in the Council Chambers of the District Building.

by Councilmember Jack Evans

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Folkloric Dance Workshop Scheduled

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They are establishing the independent Georgian Dance Project.

The dancing public is invited to take part in this interesting adventure in folklore.

The workshop and presentation will be held on Thursday, May 27 at 7 pm at the World Dance Focus, in St. Stephen's Church, 16th and Newton Street, NW, Washington, DC. Participant fee is \$15.00.

The artists Esatia, Koridze, and Kirtadze will present a workshop that includes a brief history of the Republic of Georgia and cultural information about its dance tradi-

tions, a study of Georgian dance technique and an informal performance.

The focus of the movement form will be on mountain dances which emphasize the warrior tradition. Georgian dance involves precision and directness in jumps, spirals, and footwork, a unique manner of balancing on the tops of the feet and spins on the knees.

For additional information, contact World Dance Focus at 301/270-6727.

Choirs Invited to Audition

The 14th Annual Interfaith Concert will be held at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, Massachusetts Avenue at Macomb Street, NW on Tuesday, November 16, 1993, at 3 PM. Choirs of diverse faiths are invited to audition.

In February, the 12th Annual Interfaith Concert was broadcast into over 20,000,000 homes via VISN Interfaith Satellite Network. The concert is the largest single event of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington. Over 2,120 people enjoyed the 1992 concert at the Washington National Cathedral. The Annual Concert is funded in part by the D.C. Commission on The Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts.

If your group or a group you know would like to audition, please call The Rev. Ruth H. Bersin (202-234-6300) for more information and an application form. Each choir will participate in two combined choir numbers in addition to their own program which will be from 6-8 minutes.

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are you beautiful like a tree
wearing in summer its shades of green
in fall, oh what a splendor
to see gold leaves flickering everywhere

it we could only be like trees
lifting our arms in times of trouble
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where love would grow in splendor

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A Unique Community

Ms. Lisa Kay

Capitol Park Towers, a rental community located at 301 G Street SW, is planning some exciting events for its residents. According to Ms. Lisa Kay, marketing director, "We like to celebrate our cultural diversity in poetry and costumes." Our popular poetry reading is held on the second Thursday of each month. Any resident may invite guests.

Another event is scheduled for September. It will be an international fashion show. Ms. Kay is looking for unusual costumes and jewelry from every corner of the world.

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One Woman's Strength

by Angela Carson

When I was a little girl, I remember asking my grade school teacher, "Why are boys stronger than girls?" She replied, "A man's physical strength may be greater than that of a woman's because that is the norm. Real strength is determined by how long one can endure a challenge. In that respect, women are much stronger than men." Her response has stuck with me all these years. Whenever I think of my grandmother, those words come to mind. She is the strongest person I know. She has demonstrated and proved her strength to me and others countless times. However, there are three instances in particular that I think she showed determination, courage, durability and undying strength.

My grandmother married and became a mother at a very young age. She met my grandfather while in high school. She was a cheerleader and he was a football player. During their union, they had eight children. With the birth of each child came more responsibility. My grandfather found this responsibility to be greater than what he could handle. He and my grandmother started company. The job of raising eight children became my grandmother's sole responsibility. She had to provide, mentor, and nurture three boys and five girls all by herself. She successfully raised all of her children and assisted in raising the majority of her grandchildren.

She has survived the death of two of her children, a son and a daughter. My father was the first of her children to pass away. His death was unexpected. Even though she was pretty worn up with grief, she still found the time to console and reassure me that like all pain, this too would pass. Whenever I needed a shoulder to cry on or a friend to hear me out, she was there for me. My aunt's death was due to a long illness, and was somewhat expected. Again, like a mighty tree weathering a terrible storm, my grandmother stood strong and tall. She not only comforted the entire family, but so my aunt's friends and co-workers. Everyone was in awe of her unrelenting strength.

The hardest ordeal she has had to face was her own possible death. She was diagnosed with cancer and told that she would have to undergo a double mastectomy. After hearing the news, our entire family fell apart. Knowing that there was a chance my grandmother could die, as devastating. As always, she remained strong as ever. She was unbelievable. She explained to us, from start to finish, the steps of the surgery. She reassured us time and time again of her good chances of living a long life. As usual, she was right! It has been almost three years since her surgery, and there has not been a recurrence of the cancer.

Recently, I asked her what was her secret. How did she become such a strong woman. Her answer seemed to put it all in focus. She said to me, "You have to make the most of what you have. Anything worth having is worth working for, so don't expect anybody to give you anything. Have faith in God, because He will never give you anything you cannot handle."

Congratulations

Earlier in the month, Sue White, President of the Institute for Educational Resources, received a Torchlighter Award. She was featured in the November issue of this paper.

Ms. White served for 27 years as a mathematics teacher. Presently, she is the founder and president of an educational consulting service specializing in scholarship research and financial counseling.

Staff Comings and Goings

We bid Harry Boissevain and Virginia Devine goodbye and thank each for all that they did for the *Southwester*.

Harry Boissevain, has been the *Southwester's* liaison with the schools in this area. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his years of service, and hope someone will volunteer for his position. Each month, he reminded the schools of the paper's deadline, persuaded their staff to write articles, collected them, and turned them over to the editor.

Virginia Devine started as a feature writer for the paper. She was "drafted" into the role of distribution verifier. She painstakingly helped while the *Southwester* underwent transition from one distributor to the present one. We're sorry she is leaving this post and hope she will be back soon again.

We note with sadness the passing of Marion Rosen. She was a former resident of River Park. She wrote a family relations column for the paper. Our thoughts are with her husband, Dr. Albert Rosen.

This month, three people called to volunteer to be staff writers. Maria Ellicott will start next month. Her column will feature neighborhood people. Also starting will be Aaron Gibbs. He lives in Southwest and works in the Capitol Park Rental Office. He plans to do some investigative reporting.

Mary Kay Tobin, Angela Carson, Rilki Kramer (all SW residents), and Lisa Kay (Capitol Park Marketing Manager) all submitted articles for this issue. We hope lots of new people will be submitting articles in the future.

Prevention of Blindness Society

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There has been no body count during the run of the *Brothers*, but to die laughing is a very high risk for any Southwesterners entering the kave of the Karamazov comedy and kaka-phony.

Paul Magid wrote, Doug Wieselmann and Gina Leishman composed, Howard Patterson did the lyrics.

Juggling with sickles and flaming batons? Just a mild form of the mania that characterizes the rest of the show.

The music is cunning, the sets are intriguing, jokesters' timing superb, the costumes wild. One lady appears as a birthday cake, a footlong, burning candle decorating her head, just above the icing.

Don't take the kiddies. The humor is too fast, probably too sophisticated, the youngsters might inhibit your grandest guffaws, and the Sexiest Legs in the East (Cathy Sunderland's) would be wasted on them.

-- N. Polster

Dr. Vesta D. McDowell

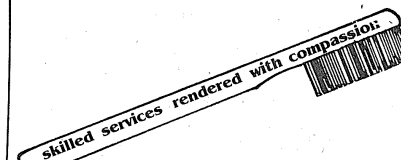
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The first 500 libraries to submit 25 or more success stories will receive the Encarta (TM) encyclopedia. All other libraries that submit success stories will be entered in a drawing for a copy of the Encarta (TM) encyclopedia, one \$500, two \$250 and ten \$100 gift certificates for ALA Graphics materials.

Testimonials must tell a personal story of how the library helped an individual - not just a general statement that books/libraries are great. The statement should be inspiring and should communicate a clear thought, be easily understood. Creativity in expression such as writing in poetry/rap is desirable if it enhances the message. And lastly, all entries should be clearly typed or printed for legibility. Name, age, home address, daytime telephone and name of library submitting must be clearly indicated.

These statements of support will be used to demonstrate to local and national legislators the vital services provided by libraries and librarians and the need for full funding in the Information Age. They will also be used for advertising and promotion purposes to raise public awareness.

For more info. call SW library 727-1381.

Note: Each library/school should forward all statements, indicating those you consider the best. Originals will not be returned.

Syphax's Joqua Burton Wins Supreme Court Award

A sixth grade Syphax student, Joqua Burton, won an award at the Supreme Court for having been selected as a finalist in an Essay Contest.

The theme was "A Special City Needs Special People." It was an honor for Joqua to meet Judge David Suter and some of the wives of the Supreme Court justices. One day Joqua might be a Supreme Court Justice.

Joqua thanked her parents, her principal, Mrs. Mary J. Williams, and her teacher, Mrs. Carrie H. Greene for their educations and support.

Programs Encourage Minority Science Students, Teachers

Programs at the Catholic University of America aim to increase interest in science among students in urban public schools and help teachers who work in institutions with large minority enrollments and limited budgets.

At CUA's Discovery Center, some 1,500 District of Columbia high and junior-high schoolers from varied academic, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds experience the discipline and excitement of research by learning up-to-date lab procedures in cell and molecular biology. The program focuses on a new biomedical technique each month.

Participants can extend science fair experiments and prepare for prestigious national competitions like the Westinghouse awards.

In addition to school year classes and labs, the center plans a month long summer program for students and high school teachers. Student sessions will cover subjects like genetic diseases and their lab diagnosis, toxic chemicals in the environment and chemical safety evaluation, communicable diseases and pathogen identification, cancer and aging.

Teacher courses will focus on health-related topics and practical applications. A mentor-adviser data base gives teachers a list of researchers they can call upon. The center will also expand CellServ, a CUA service providing free cell biology kits to thousands of high school students nationwide.

The Discovery Center has been established through a National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases grant. For additional information, call Roland Nardone, director of CUA's Center for Advanced Training in Cell and Molecular Biology, at 202-319-6161.

Southwest Jazzercise Celebrates Mother's Day

The Southwest District of Columbia Jazzercise Franchise (Franchised instructor: Ewaynia Higgins) held a special Mother's Day celebration on Saturday, May 10th. The celebration was held to honor all mothers who participate in Jazzercise, but, also the unique group of six mother-daughter families who Jazzercise together in Southwest on a regular basis. This special group of mothers and daughters includes: Gail Williams and Dolores Williams; Patricia Harris and Dena Harris; Barbara Taylor and Erica Taylor; Mary Kay Tobin and Kathleen Tobin; Betty Diggs, Lois Diggs, and Sheila Wright, and Carol Collins and Kimberly Collins. There are approximately 30 men and women who attend class on a regular basis; the majority of these Jazzercisers either live or work in Southwest.

Ewaynia Higgins has been teaching Jazzercise classes in Southwest at the Christ United Methodist Church for over six years. Jazzercise is the world's No. 1 dance fitness program and promotes health, fitness, and fun for women and men of all ages. Jazzercise is a complete aerobic workout with muscle toning and stretching. The Southwest Jazzercise franchise holds classes three times a week and offers a variety of music and class formats, including step aerobics.

Book Program Offered Children

All children can sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the branch library. It is going to be June 1 - August 31. It is easy. Just keep track of all books which you read. Report the titles to the librarian. Get stickers and other prizes. In the meantime, you are having fun reading.

This summer, camp is being planned to be at the branch library. All of the details have not been finalized as yet. So, to check for further information, call your children's librarian. All youths and neighborhood day camps are invited to join in the fun and come to the programs. The number to call is 727-1381 or 82.

River Park Nursery School Offers Expanded Program

The River Park Nursery School is considering a summer program, and is looking for interest from the community.

Tentatively, it would operate during the mornings of June and July.

Southwest community boasts what is probably the oldest cooperative nursery school in DC, and one of the best facilities in the city.

Started by River Park parents in 1963, the River Park Nursery School is organized around a traditional developmental model for three and four year olds, encouraging learning through play with a rich array of activities and equipment. Run as a cooperative, the children get the benefit of its well trained professional teaching staff and the extra support of ongoing and intensive parent participation.

The school has an exceptionally large and bright space, and uses River Park's own playground.

The school maintains a commitment to serve a diverse population and has a small scholarship program. Though very highly regarded, the school has served fewer Southwest families than in earlier years, according to its membership chairman, Michael Keane. He and others are exploring new ways to serve more Southwest families.

If interested, call 554-7343.



Top Left: Kimberly Collins, Anne Delphenich, Pat Byrums, Carol Ramsdell, Sheila Wright, Carol Bryant, Wilbur Mondie, Mary Kay Tobin

Middle Row: Carol Collins, Lois Diggs, Betty Diggs, Gail Williams

Front Row: Yvette Fouche, Ewaynia Higgins, Delores Williams, Gloria Beville

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Bowen Team Crowned City Basketball Champs

The City Champions of Elementary Basketball in Washington, were honored Friday, March 19th by the students and staff of Anthony Bowen Elementary School at an assembly to honor their basketball achievement.

The team earned the right to this crown by remaining undefeated in the last of 5 games. Bowen participated in a lineup of elementary teams during the 1993 season different from in prior years.

The games were organized on the regional level and all games were played at a neutral site. Not having the home court advantage for any of the games this season did not hinder nor did it deter the Bobcats from their winning ways.

The Bowen team has been under the guidance of an able coaching staff. The team was well coached by Mr. Melvin Mayo and assisted by Mr. Lacy Gunn. Their program has produced a record of 45 wins and 3 losses in the past five seasons. Mr. Mayo and Mr. Gunn's program stressed sound fundamentals, "ball hawking" defense and an unselfish offense.

It was indeed a pleasure for Bowen's principal, Mr. Edward Wells, to present the City Champions to the staff and student body.

Team leaders in scoring and rebounding included Most Valuable Players (MVP's) Anthony Thomas, Keith Douglas, and Randy Lighty.

Other members of the Championship team included Dominique Seabrooke, Yakira Donovan, Enoch Long, Matthew Fairley, Tanika Fowler, Jeffery Brawner, Calvin Cade, William Tillman, William Davis, Gary Brown, Newton Gillis and Alexander McMahon.

The student body was led in cheers for the team by the Bowen's Cheerleaders, under the guidance of Mrs. Eleanor Organ. They were also award winners this year, placing in the cheerleading competition held recently for elementary schools.

Pastor Montgomery Returns to Pulpit After Long Illness

Rev. William H. Montgomery, after a long and serious illness, has returned to the pulpit of Friendship Baptist Church. The congregation thanked God that Pastor Montgomery was able to deliver a very inspiring annual Men's Day Sermon and left a great deal to think about.

The church, as well as others throughout the city, prayed for Pastor Montgomery and all prayers are appreciated by the congregation.

One member, Ms. Patricia Haynes, wrote a poem for him and read it to the church on his return to show her appreciation for the Pastor and to the church family.

During his illness, Rev. Lorenzo Ford, assistant to the Pastor, carried on in a most professional manner and made our Pastor very happy. The congregation is very proud of Rev. Ford and have thanked the special staff members for their cooperation, including the congregation's first lady, Mrs. Emma Montgomery, for the loving care she, along with the doctors, gave Pastor Montgomery.

The congregation praised the doctors and their help, but the love of the caregiver is so very important. The congregation wants Mrs. Montgomery to know it is as her for taking such good care of Pastor Montgomery.

Announcements

The *Southwester* receives many announcements of free (or almost free) happenings. The following is a listing of some of these services.

National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, DC announces NAPEX '93 will be June 4-6 at the Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike and Washington Blvd. Arl., VA. Hours are Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-6, and Sun. 10-4. Admission is free. Call Steve Luster, 703-729-2852

DC Hotline's PhoneFriend Next Training Session will be Tuesday, June 8, Thursday, June 10, and Tuesday June 15 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. All sessions are mandatory. Phone-Friend is a after-school telephone support service for children in the metropolitan area.

Temple Micah/St. Augustine's Joint Committee prepares bag suppers to the men at the Randall Shelter every week. TM/St. A's is having a fundraiser at the Arena Stage - "The Flying Karamazov Brothers" on Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 pm, call Carole Early for tickets at 488-3355.

The Marine Band Concert will be playing at the Capitol Building every Wednesday, and at the Sylvan Theater (on the grounds of the Washington Monument) every Sunday in June.

Navy Memorial will have Concerts on the Avenue. Starting Monday, Memorial Day, May 31 the Concert will be at 8:00 pm.

Thereafter, the free weekly concerts will be every Tuesday from June 1 - Labor Day. Extra Concerts will be on other selected evenings. Call 202-737-2300 #711 for updated info.

The Historical Society of Washington, DC at the Heurich Mansion is a 19th Century mansion located at 1307 New Hampshire Ave., NW. On Saturday, June 5 from noon - 4:00 pm it joins other institutions of the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium in opening its doors free to the public. Call 785-2068 for info about their workshops and programs.

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Dance Department is having their Annual Spring Dance Concert on May 28 & 29, tickets are \$5.00. The school is at 3500 R St., NW

Southeastern University - Bake Sale will be every Monday & Thursday, 1:00 pm until, will be in the lobby of SEU, 501 Eye St., SW

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Wednesday 6:30 pm

Creative Process Workshops, Camps, Offered This Summer

Living Stage Theatre announces its 28th season of Summer Creative Process Workshops for adults and Creative Process Camps for children and teens. The theatre is operated by former Southwester, Oran Sandel.

These interactive workshops and camps stimulate creative imaginations through teaching theatre arts: improvisation, movement, music, as well as poetry and story creation. Workshops and camps are available for ages six to adult.

The adults workshop fee is \$275; children and teens, \$300. All sessions are intimately-sized and take place at Living Stage, 1901 14th Street, N.W.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Children Ages 6 - 8:	June 28-July 9
9 am - 12 noon	
Children Ages 9 - 12:	July 12-July 23
9 am - 12 noon	
Teens Ages 13 - 15:	June 28-July 9
1 pm - 4 pm	
Teens Ages 16 - 18:	July 12-July 23
1 pm - 4 pm	
Adult Mon/Wed Session:	June 21-July 21
7 pm - 10 pm	
Adult Tue/Thurs Session:	June 22-July 22
7 pm - 10 pm	

Living Stage Associate Directors Jennifer Nelson and Oran Sandel will conduct the workshops under the guidance of Living Stage Founder and Director Robert A. Alexander.

For more information or a free brochure, call 202/554-9066, ext. 240.

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MASSSES

SATURDAY EVE: 5:15 p.m.
SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:45, 12:15 and 5:15 p.m.
HOLIDAYS: Evening before: 5:30 p.m., 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.
WEEKDAYS: 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 and 12:10 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:30 and 12:10 p.m.

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Syphax School Closing Detailed at ANC Meeting

Heard School Boardmember David Hall gave background details on the current school closings in general, and for closing Syphax school, in particular at the May 10th meeting Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D.

The Commission replied by voting to support the closing of Syphax School, and put off until June taking a position on making the school buildings available to the Southwest community for use as a Community center.

Other subjects of the Commission agenda:

Heard that someone has apparently been dumping a large number of tires along Potomac Avenue illegally. The ANC will contact the Department of Public Works and the police about this.

The Commission agreed to contribute \$100 to the Library Theatre for its annual summer program at the SW Branch Library.

Heard Clinton Anderson and Anita Smith Hawkins of the DC Community Prevention Partnership describe the work of their organization.

Voted not to oppose ABC license applications by: Bernstein's Liquor, 39 M St, #2714; Cap's Liquor, 1301 S. Capitol, #789; Harry's Liquor, 401 M, #2529; and, L'Enfant Beer and Wine, L'Enfant Plaza, #2627.

Adopted revised standing rules for ANC meetings.

Heard complaints from several residents of the 600 block 4th Street SW about continuing vandalism, crime, trash, and other problems in their area.

The June 14th meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm, at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of Westminster Church). The agenda, which is subject to change, now includes: a presentation the Department of Recreation, further discussion of Syphax school buildings, and a final vote on the proposal to contribute \$100 to Library Theatre. For more information or to request time on the ANC agenda, call 554-1795.

Budget Cuts and SW Fire Stations

Will the SW Fire Department lose any of their funding? Three Battalion Fire Chiefs were at an ANC meeting this past winter. They ad-

Hospice Care Wants Volunteers

The *Southwester* received a letter from Hospice Care of DC. They told about the importance of volunteers and specifically mentioned one volunteer, Sorab Modi, a SW resident, who has lived at River Park for many years.

Hospice Care of DC honors its many volunteers, including Mr. Modi, who for the past five years have provided program support services to Hospice. After the death of his wife, Susan, in Hospice, Mr. Modi became a volunteer, saying "Because of the understanding, the caring, and the wonderful human relationships they bring, I wanted to do something of use for Hospice." Every Tuesday morning, Mr. Modi helps with office tasks. He also mans Hospice information booths at public events.

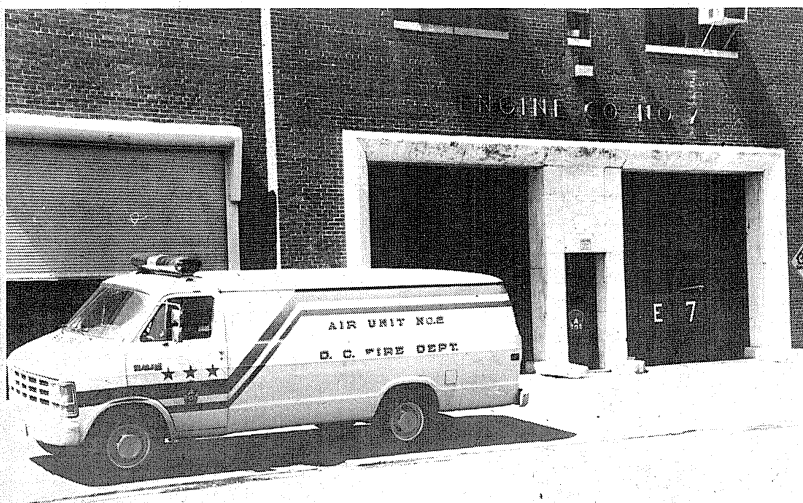
Hospice volunteers are a special breed of people who are committed to their work. They are rewarded by the personal satisfaction of helping their neighbors in a time of need. They contribute to the personality and quality of the hospice experience. In 1992, 103 Hospice volunteers contributed a total of 3766.5 hours or 470 days of service and made 149 home visits.

Founded in 1977, Hospice Care of DC is one of the first non-profit organizations to provide services in a home-based setting to District residents suffering from terminal illness. Volunteers are a most important component in providing a variety of hospice services. To volunteer, call 202-347-1700.

Budget Cuts and SW Fire Stations

Will the SW Fire Department lose any of their funding? Three Battalion Fire Chiefs were at an ANC meeting this past winter. They addressed this problem and the *Southwester* will report on the situation which we face now. Stay tuned to the next issue for the full report.

Engine Company #7, 1101 Half St., SW



LESBIAN AND GAY CHORUS SINGS THE BLUES

The Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington, DC (LGCW) sings the blues -- "It Had to be Blue" -- a concert of music featuring the blues and related themes. "It Had to be Blue" will be presented at 8 pm Friday, June 4, 1993 and Saturday, June 5, 1993 in the auditorium of Hine Jr. High School, 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., just across the street from the Eastern Market Metro stop in Washington, DC. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are on sale at Bread and Roses, Lammars Women's Books and More, and Lambda Rising. They are also available from individual chorus members or by calling 202/546-1549. Both performances will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

"It Had to be Blue" will be packed with music representing a broad spectrum of musical type from spirituals to rap and modern opera. Performances by ensembles of the LGCW will complement the full chorus numbers.

The LGCW presents two major concerts annually and its repertoire ranges from renaissance to popular music. The purpose of the LGCW is to make quality music, while demonstrating lesbian and gay pride. The LGCW also develops talent from within the lesbian and gay community, while encouraging a sense of fun in its musical expression. The LGCW was a 1992 recipient of a grant from the D.C. Commission on Arts and the Humanities Management and Assistance Program.

For more information about "It Had to be Blue", call: 202/546-1549.

Senior Summerfest Set Decade Event

It's summertime again, and that means the SCCDS Senior Summerfest is here, hot and ready for you!

Join the Washington senior community Friday, June 18 from 10 am until 2 pm for an afternoon of exciting free festivities. Explore the dancers, bands, great food and amazingly fun activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

Come to the Anacostia Museum Friday, June 18th, 1901 Fort Place, SE (on the corner of Morris Road and Fort Place). With such a hot and free event.

For more information, call Curtis or Bryan at 202/678-2800.



S.W. EVENTS

May 25, Tuesday, Council Roundtable on closing R Street, SW, 10 am.

May 26, Wednesday, YATF (SW) Reception, 5:30 pm. at Harbour Square

June 1, Tuesday, First District Police Advisory Council, Police Dept. 7:30 pm.

June 4, Friday & June 5, Saturday The Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington, at Hines JHS, 8 pm.

June 6, Sunday, Temple Micah/St. Augustine's Fundraiser at Arena Stage, 2 pm.

June 7, Monday, SWNA Board, 6:30 pm.

June 14, Monday, ANC Meeting, 7:30 pm.

June 28, Monday, SWNA, 6:30 pm.

Please call C.W. Hargrave at 554-8284 with calendar items for next month.